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INTO TWO OR SEVERAL SUBCHANNELS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of this patent application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

<u>Amendments to the Claims</u> are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.